

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

The Indianapolis Women's Community Re-entry Center moved to the grounds of the Indiana Women's Prison this week.

Miami Correctional Facility and PEN Products held two certificate ceremonies, one for staff and one for offenders, celebrating the completion of the Department of Labor's Apprenticeship programs. John M. Delgado, State Director for the U.S. Department of Labor, addressed both groups. A total of 145 staff and 93 offenders received certificates.

49 Correctional Police Officer candidates completed the 64-hour Essential Case Law for Policing America course administered by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and all passed the 2-hour, 100 question test.

Reception-Diagnostic Center recently concluded a canned food drive. Staff donated 322 food items, which were divided among the St. Marks Food Pantry and the Healing Streams Revival Food Pantry, both located in Hendricks County.

The mobile BMV unit visited Madison Correctional. IDs were made for 172 adult females and 5 juvenile females.

New Castle Correctional Facility held a staff recall this week. Officer Charlotte Stewart was named Officer of the Month, and Debbie Swaford and Logan Phillippe were named Employees of the Month.

This week, Pendleton Correctional conducted a hostage simulation that was an excellent training opportunity for staff.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS program created over 200 handmade Christmas cards and sent them to a local elderly housing complex so all residents would have the opportunity to receive a Holiday card.

ISP's Jaycees purchased 250 toys, which were wrapped and given to the local Salvation Army for distribution to children.

Camp Summit honored nine staff members for outstanding performance over the past few months at the facility's Quarterly Recall held at the facility. Several CAB members, including State Senator Jim Arnold, attended the event.

PLUS Offenders from New Castle made 200 holiday cards that were delivered to residents in local nursing homes.

Wabash Valley staff responded to the Employee Appreciation Committee sponsored holiday food drive, donating over 720 pounds of food to help those in need at food banks in Sullivan, Greene and Knox Counties.

ISP held a graduation for 132 offenders who completed their GED, Literacy and Life Skills, or an apprenticeship.

Rockville Correctional Facility honored volunteers for their many hours of service. They enjoyed a musical presentation by the RCF Holiday Choir and refreshments that had been prepared by the Culinary Arts Class.

Volunteers with the "Christmas Behind Bars" prison ministry organization distributed gift bags to Pendleton offenders.

ISP's Substance Abuse Department recognized the best essay for the Commitment to Change Program. The essay will air on the offender's channel and be submitted to the Continuing Education Counsel Committee for publication.

New Castle offenders donated \$1,500 to the Double Q Foundation, which holds a summer camp for kids with diabetes.

PEN Products held a Career Path Planning Workshop at Westville Correctional Facility this week. The 23 offender participants were challenged to start now in designing a career path plan for post release success.

WVCF PIO Rich Larsen talked to 58 Barr Reeve Elementary School 5th graders today as part of the Daviess County Extension Service Project LEAD (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency) Program.

Approximately 225 CIF Offenders participated in a Basketball Tournament over the Thanksgiving Day holiday period.

Miami's PLUS Unit held its second Offender Arts and Crafts Show and Silent Auction this week. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Miami County Youth Leadership Summit to promote finishing school and attending college. The show made more than \$500. Offenders in the unit made more than 150 craft pieces for the show/auction.

Madison Correctional Facility held its annual volunteer recognition event to honor over 200 volunteers.

Hats off to Wabash Valley Counselor Faith Reeves who volunteered her time Thanksgiving Day, serving meals to over 600 Sullivan County residents, part of the annual Wally King Memorial Thanksgiving dinner.

The Indiana State Prison held a General Christian Family Day for offenders and their families.

Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted a successful PREP weekend, where 8 offenders and their significant others spent a weekend learning valuable relationship enhancement techniques. The program was well received by all in attendance.

25 bicycles reconditioned in Pendleton's "Shifting Gears" operation were donated to AMVETS Post # 26 in Pendleton.

"To be mature means to face, and not evade, every fresh crisis that comes." ~ Fritz Kunkel